



The Silent Child's Quest for Peace

In a cozy little house nestled in the heart of a peaceful village, there lived a happy family: a father, a mother, and their cheerful children. One day, as they gathered around the table enjoying a hearty meal, they were joined by a close friend who had come to visit.

As they were chatting and laughing, something unusual happened. As the clock struck twelve, the door slowly creaked open, and a child as pale as the moonlight, dressed in snow-white clothes, silently entered the room. The child, with eyes that didn't wander nor words that broke the silence, went straight into the adjacent room.

The family, absorbed in their joy, didn't notice this mysterious visitor. However, the friend, intrigued by this strange occurrence, watched as the child repeated its silent march into the room for two more days.

Filled with curiosity, the friend finally asked the father about this pale child, who seemed like a wisp of cloud, floating into their home each day at noon. To his surprise, the father, along with his wife and children, had neither seen nor sensed the presence of this enigmatic visitor.

Determined to unravel the mystery, the friend cautiously approached the room the next day as the clock chimed twelve. Peeking through the slightly opened door, he saw the child crouched on the ground, searching for something amidst the wooden floorboards. Upon noticing the stranger, the child vanished like a fleeting shadow.

The friend described the child to the family in vivid detail. With a gasp of realization, the mother recognized the child as her own, who had sadly passed away a month before. Driven by a hunch, they pried open the floorboards and discovered two farthings hidden beneath.

These were coins the child had kept, intending to buy a biscuit, instead of giving them to a poor man as the mother had instructed.

Realizing that their child's spirit was seeking peace, the parents immediately gave the farthings to a needy person. From that day on, the child's gentle spirit was no longer seen, having found the tranquility it was searching for. The family learned an invaluable lesson about kindness and the joy of giving, treasuring the memory of their dear child who taught them this from beyond.